

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 14-23 remain pending in this application. Claim 16 has been amended.

In the Notice of Allowance mailed August 9, 2004, the Examiner requested that reference numbering or labeling which signifies the "width" parameters specified in claim 16 be specified in the drawings. Applicants respectfully submit that no drawing correction is necessary. The width parameter recited in that claim, corresponds to Figs. 8B and 8C in which it is clearly shown that the electric conducting path for the read wiring 200 is greater than that for the write wiring 201. Applicants request that this explanation be accepted in place of a drawing correction which may render the drawings more cluttered and more difficult to read.

Claim 16 has been amended to correct a typographical error since the "another electric conducting path" has a larger width than the "one electric conducting path". The "another electric conducting path" interconnects the read element and the integrated circuit, while the "one electric conducting path" interconnects the write element and the integrated circuit.

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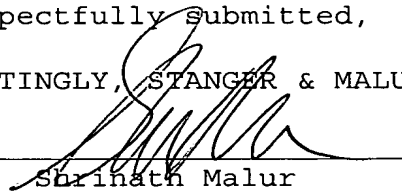
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Entry of this amendment is hereby requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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